MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Then, may I know why that answer was given to me? Was the member who gave the answer then aware of the amount of the Reserve Fund with the Chief Engineer?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, he must have been aware of the fund.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Then, when he gave me the answer that the expenditure unauthorisedly incurred by Mr. George Philip was Rs. 95,000 and odd and when the Reserve Fund was only Rs. 25,000 how was it he gave an answer that the expenditure was proposed to be met from the Reserve Fund?

MR. P. N KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It will be met not solely from that fund but also from other funds.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government members understand the language understood by ordinary men? Sir, I want to make the point clear, because some Government members think that they can give any kind of answer to the questions asked by the non-official members. I am referring pointedly to the question to which the answer given is said to be incorrect.

PRESIDENT: Quite right. The House will understand that members, whether official or non-official, should treat one another always with courtesy and consideration. Not the official members, but all members of this House, have to remember, that they should treat other members always with courtesy and consideration. Mr. Thanu Pillai read out the previous answer, and, as the Government member said, that answer was given as a mere suggestion. The question was, "from what source will the expenditure be met," and it was suggested that the Chief Engineer has a Reserve Fund out of which it might be met not necessarily in one year. Because it was unauthorised expenditure it had to be met from somewhere. As a matter of fact, perhaps some other fund was available and Government sanction was got for meeting it in some other way. The present answer is that, as a matter of fact, it has been met in a particular way. I do not find any reason for the general complaint raised by Mr. Thanu Pillai.

Facilities for elementary education in Tamil in the Trivandrum town.

300. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that facilities for elementary education in Tamil are wanting in the Trivandrum town; and

(*b*) if so, what action they propose to take?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) They are aware that the existing facilities admit of improvement.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

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